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| <b>Subject:</b>           | Comber Greenway 'One Path' Initiative                 |
| <b>Date:</b>              | 12 January 2016                                       |
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| <b>Is this report restricted?</b>            | Yes <input type="checkbox"/>            | No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| <b>Is the decision eligible for Call-in?</b> | Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/>            |

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| <b>1.0</b> | <b>Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues</b>  |
|            | The purpose of this report is to advise Committee of a Sustrans initiative (attached at Appendix 1) to develop a code of conduct for use of public paths, and to agree that officers support the initiative to assess its application to Belfast Parks and Open Spaces.   |
| <b>2.0</b> | <b>Recommendations</b>  |
|            | That the People and Communities Committee note the report and agree that Council support the initiative as it develops.   |
| <b>3.0</b> | <b>Main report</b>  |
|            | <p>Sustrans have submitted a proposal to use the Comber Greenway as a pilot scheme to develop a code of conduct for greenways. This would include guidance for pedestrians and cyclists and at this stage will focus on areas of particularly high traffic.</p> <p>Members should note that the Comber Greenway is not owned by Belfast City Council but comes under the management and operation of the Department for Regional Development (DRD). The Comber Greenway spans the three Council areas of Lisburn and Castlereagh, Ards and North Down Borough Council as well as Belfast City Council.</p> <p>The Comber Greenway intersects with the Connswater Community Greenway in East</p> |

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|            | <p>Belfast, therefore there is an interest in developing principles for behaviours/use of greenways that could potentially be adopted, in line with Council's bye-laws, for pathways in parks and open spaces.</p> <p>Officers have met with the other Councils, DRD and Sustrans with a view to developing a programme which would be delivered along the Comber Greenway in the Spring and Summer of 2016.</p> <p>If successful there is the potential to roll this scheme out across the region.</p> <p><u>Financial &amp; Resource Implications</u></p> <p>As indicated on page 11 of Appendix 1, costs of £13,460 have been identified. Subject to agreement on how costs will be apportioned, at this stage it is envisaged that Belfast City Council will contribute up to 25% with a mix of financial and in kind support.</p> <p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications</u></p> <p>There are currently no equality or good relation implications.</p> |
| <b>4.0</b> | <b>Appendices – Documents Attached</b>   |
|            | Appendix 1 – The Comber Greenway 'One Path' Initiative   |